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FILE NO. 65-1493

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 3-18-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-17-49	REPORT MADE BY EDWARD E. KACHELHOFFER	WOR
TITLE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY - ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records AGO, CPRB, Department of the Army, St. Louis, Missouri, indicate ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN employed Army Air Forces Materiel Division, Washington, D. C. 3-25-42 to 8-18-45. Terminated by resignation. Denied membership in any organization advocating overthrow of U. S. Government by force or violence. Background information set out. Photostatic copies of contents of personnel folder obtained. SILVERMAN born 2-2-00 in Poland or Russia. Claims naturalization June, 1921 in U.S. District Court, Boston, Mass. Inducted U. S. Army 10-9-18, honorably discharged 12-13-18, and was assigned ASN 4917471. World War I Army record indicates citizenship as United States.

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REFERENCE: Bufile #74-94
WFO telegram to St. Louis dated March 10, 1949.
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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review of the personnel file, Civilian Personnel Records Branch, Adjutant General's Office, Department of the Army, St. Louis, Missouri, for ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, reflects that he was employed on March 25, 1942 as a Chief Production Specialist, CAF-15 at \$8250 per annum with the Army Air Forces, Materiel Division, Washington, D. C. on transfer from the Railroad Retirement Board, 884 Rush Street.

His employment was terminated as a Economist, P-8, at \$9537.50 per annum, on August 18, 1945 by reason of resignation because of the end of the war and to accept a position outside the Federal Government: SILVERMAN received the following efficiency ratings:

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April 19, 1945 - Excellent. Rated by SAM S. MULLIN, Lieutenant Colonel and FRANKLIN H. KISSNER, Lt. Colonel.
April 22, 1944 - Excellent. Rated by FRANKLIN H. KISSNER, Major and C. H. DYSON, Colonel.
March 29, 1943 - Excellent. Rated by DONALD F. FRITCH, Colonel.

On March 27, 1942 SILVERMAN executed an Oath of Office and Personnel Affidavit in which he swore to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that he would bear true faith and allegiance to the same; denied membership in any political party or organization advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; and agreed that during the period of his employment by the Federal Government he would not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence. A Civil Service Commission form notarized on March 10, 1942, reflects the signature "A. G. SILVERMAN" and the answer "no" to the question, "Are you a member of any Communist or German Bund Organization or any political party or organization which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States, or do you have membership in or any affiliation with any group, association, or organization which advocates, or lends support to any organization or movement advocating, the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States?"

In an Application and Personnel History Statement dated March 27, 1942, the places of birth of SILVERMAN and his parents, DAVID and REBECCA, are indicated as Poland. His citizenship status is shown as naturalized citizen on June 24, 1921 in the United States District Court, Boston, Massachusetts, Certificate #1593507. His wife, SARAH SLEPIAN SILVERMAN, was employed by the District of Columbia Public Assistance Division.

SILVERMAN resided at 2325 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. in 1945 and at 915 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, Massachusetts in 1918. He attended the following schools:

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SILVERMAN speaks French and German languages.

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National Bureau of Economic Research, New York, N.Y., September'31 to
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Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, June
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Babson Statistical Organization, (1924-1931)
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